

49. Oxford Letter

20 July 1898.

My dear Sir

I have just received the programme of the Archaeological Institute & I think my attending it will be impossible if I am to attend to the Shakespearean business too. The meeting commences on the 25th and does not end till the 31st! I had no idea that it lasted so long, & the distance of Leicester appears to render it necessary to go down the day before I come up the day after the meeting. Therefore I do not see how I can go consistently with being at Cheltenham on 1st August, & with the necessary previous arrangements. I wrote Lumsden's address or should write to him by this post & understood that he would be in town on Sunday. But I shall not, & if he goes to London on Monday as I suppose he will, I shall not see him. Therefore I write to you

to ask him to ~~leave~~ let you know what has
been done as to the loan from the Shalford Bank
What arrangements have been made for the
completion on the 1st August

Supposing the Bank are willing to
make the advance, (as we ought to have known
this before now) I presume they will send
a Messenger to Cheltenham on the 1st with
the Money, & who will take the bill deed
to Shalford.

But the Bank will also require a
Memorandum of deposit to be signed by
some Members of the Committee, probably
those to whom the property is conveyed, viz
Lord Lunsell Mr. Augustus Thompson &
myself. This memorandum the Bankers
solicit and prepare & it ought to be sent
up to me & forward that I may get it signed
before the 1st August. Possibly also Lord Lunsell
may object to sign it. I suppose his Lordship
has been informed of the proposed arrangement

There also Cunningham must place at
my disposal all our own funds. in order that
I may take them to Cheltenham. Perhaps
the safe way will be to pay it to some
Cheltenham Bankers to be at my disposal
but if this be done there sh^d. be an
understanding that the Cheltenham Bankers
will not charge Commission upon it
the usual Commission I believe is 2 1/2 per cent

I sh^d. not be surprised if I have
to go to Shalford before the 1st of Aug^t
to go from thence to Cheltenham, but this
must depend in great measure on
altogether on the arrangements which
D. Thompson may have made or may
make. All I am afraid of is, that as
the time is so short, the business may
not be effected owing to the number of
hands in one way or other concerned in
it. It will be too late to write to Cunningham

after to day. but you will perhaps
show him this letter on Sunday

J. G. has taken a bed for an
Luncheon. I will of course bear him
harmless.

I have just returned from
the Regatta, & dropped myself having
got considerably wet & I am now
off to dinner in Bayanston Square

Yours sincerely
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